Victoria College 'Officially' a University

By HARRY YOUNG
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The official program of the opening of the Ewing Building extension at Victoria College carried the front-page title "University of British Columbia at Victoria."

Inside it referred to the University of Victoria, but the important thing is that, in either form, it is the first time Victoria College has been officially given its new "University" status.

Yesterday's official opening made it a wonderful day for Victoria, and a particularly happy one for those who for over four years have advocated the advancement of Victoria College to degree granting status.

Snags, of course, remain before Victoria College will gain its acceptance as a full university, but early prejudices have broken down, and now town and gown are united in an effort to make this a university city in the complete sense of the word.

The original arguments used by the Colonist and subsequently the Chamber of Commerce that Victoria with its legislature, its government departments, its museum, its libraries and its symphony orchestra, were repeated at the dedication ceremony.

W. N. Chant, minister of public works, who was one of the earliest politicians to support the university theme, said proudly: "We want a university which will serve not only Vancouver Island, but British Columbia and the whole of Canada."

Mr. Chant was sure there would be no shortage of students.

Premier Bennett declared himself a "university" supporter but he struck a practical note.

He told the UBC at Victoria planning committee that it had to make up its mind quickly about what it meant to do.

"You have to make up your minds where you are going to have your permanent campus—here, or Gordon Head or both—but make up your minds soon."

Later Judge J. B. Clearihue, chairman of UBC at Victoria Council said he hoped for an early word on the acceptance

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Vicious Knifer At Large

A search was launched by police last night for a 22-year-old suspected brain ailment victim after a 47-year-old woman was viciously stabbed five times outside her May Street apartment last night.

Police said the ailing man sought for questioning had been in hospital for treatment recently.

STABBED FIVE TIMES

Taken to hospital after she stumbled, bleeding and screaming, into an apartment two blocks from her home was Mrs. John Horvath, 47, of 1325 May, a new Canadian, who came here from Hungary in 1956 and lived in Port Alberni before coming to Victoria.

Police said she was stabbed five times in the throat, head and arm with a five-inch paring knife shortly after she was seen leaving her apartment in company with a young man around 9 p.m.

'HELP ME'

Mrs. Clarence Galvin, Suite A, Linton Apartments, said Mrs. Horvath staggered into the Galvin apartment screaming, "Help me. Help me. Get a doctor."

"I didn't hear anything outside, I don't know what happened," said Mrs. Galvin. "The window was open and I could hear the buses going past. I was standing on the table in the kitchen, cleaning cupboards, when she burst in."

QUIET, RELIGIOUS

"Mrs. Horvath was a quiet woman, religious," said Joseph Toth, who lives across the hall from Mrs. Horvath. "I saw them go out. She said they were going to Jubilee Hospital."

He said the man with Mrs. Horvath was "crying and screaming."

Hospital authorities said the stabbing victim was "in satisfactory condition," but suffering from loss of blood.

Police throughout Vancouver Island were alerted to be on the lookout for the woman's companion.

Victoria College students Adam Ustik, left, and Malcolm Scott stand guard over landmark cannon "stolen" overnight from Canadian Services College at Royal Roads and transported to Victoria College by pranksters. See story and picture on Page 19.—(Colonist photo)

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First Degrees by '60 Hope at Ewing Rite

By R. O. MARRION

An extension to the Ewing Building at Victoria College—described as a transition piece between its past as a college and the future as a university—was officially opened yesterday with many references to the nearness of the future.

Some of the highlights of the occasion:

Judge J. B. Clearihue, chairman of the Victoria College Council, said the institution would be a full degree-granting university, by 1961 and "just might be able" to confer the first degrees in the spring of 1960.

Premier W. A. C. Bennett said that in addition to making certain capital grants for expansion, the provincial government would "match dollar for dollar other monies raised on Vancouver Island" up to $1,500,000.

He also called on the University of Victoria joint planning committee to decide soon on the location or locations of the university—at the present college site, Gordon Head, or both.

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College Opens New Wing

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Premier Bennett, roughly heckled on his previous visit to Victoria College but given three cheers and a tiger by students yesterday as he arrived for the ceremonies, told an audience of community leaders that the previous visit had made him "take a greater interest in this college, or university, than I otherwise would have."

The provincial government, he said, was greatly interested in a university in Victoria. The city lent itself, he said, to being a government and education centre, and had the proper type of atmosphere to build a university.

Arnold E. Webb, deputy public works minister and chairman of the joint planning committee, said in opening remarks that if the college had $5,000,000 and Camp Gordon Head it could go ahead and plan a smart set of modern university buildings.

It didn't have the $5,000,000 nor, despite negotiations, the Gordon Head property, "but who knows, circumstances can change quickly."

Judge Clearihue said the addition to the Ewing Building and the conversion of adjoining army huts, all paid for by the province, would give sufficient space to begin third and fourth year arts classes in the fall.

Some students now taking special third-year courses just might be able to receive degrees in Victoria next spring, he said.

Plans called for a new library building and then a new science building, he said, at an estimated cost of $2,500,000, toward which the Canada Council would contribute $300,000 if that sum were matched in local contributions.

The Chamber of Commerce was co-operating in plans for a spring fund drive, he said, and "it is up to the citizens of Victoria to support it if they want a university in the city, and I believe they will do it."

Now It's Official

CPR officials made it definite yesterday announcing officially that there will be one ferry making one round-trip daily on the Victoria-Vancouver run from Feb. 25 to May 15, when expanded summer service starts. See story on page 3.

Stricken Dulles Best

WASHINGTON (UPI) — President Eisenhower said yesterday that he wants cancer-stricken John Foster Dulles to stay on as secretary of state as long as Dulles "believes that he is in shape to carry on."

The president told his news conference he would rather have a sick Dulles as secretary of state than anyone else.

Outlook 'Bright'

LONDON (AP)—Delegates to the London conference on the future of Cyprus hammered away at differences in a two-hour emergency meeting Wednesday night. Prospects for agreement were bright despite a clash between Greek Cypriot Archbishop Makarios and Turkish Cypriot leader Dr. Fazil Kutchuk.

Diplomatic sources said another session set for today could bring peace and independence to the eastern Mediterranean island colony.

GEN. MARSHALL

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Marshall Suffers Stroke

FT. BRAGG, N.C. (UPI)—U.S. Army doctors reported last night Gen. George C. Marshall was in "serious condition" after suffering a second and more severe stroke.

The doctors said the 78-year-old soldier-statesman's condition "seems to be stabilizing," but their prognosis remained guarded.

A "very mild pneumonia" had appeared within the past two days, about the time of the second stroke, which came sometime Tuesday.

U.S. Aims At Venus

CAPE CANAVERAL, Fla. (AP)—The air force will attempt two space probes to the planet Venus this June, informed sources said Wednesday.

Backbencher Indignant

Indignation among MLAs appeared to be mounting yesterday over anti-labor statements made in the legislature by Public Works Minister W. N. Chant and Highways Minister P. A. Gaglardi.

There were also corridor rumblings indicating that government members in caucus are giving the government a rough time over proposed new labor legislation and the government may be forced to change its ideas before any legislation to allow compulsion, in labor matters is brought before the House.

DISSOCIATES SELF

Dan Campbell (SC, Comox) yesterday became the second Social Credit backbencher in as many days to dissociate himself from the attacks on labor union leaders.

Tuesday Herbert Bruch (SC, Esquimalt) said he didn't like to see the criticism of labor unions.

Mr. Campbell received desk-thumping support from all opposition members and two Socreds — Donald Robinson (SC, Lillooet) and government whip Bert Price (SC, Vancouver-Burrard)—when he said "it is an absolutely improper reflection on the trade union movement in this province to leave an impression through guilt by association that bootlegging and other nefarious practices are a common disease over the trade union movement as a whole."

OPPORTUNITY TODAY

Mr. Robinson will have an opportunity to express his views when he speaks today, possibly at the night sitting.

Tony Gargrave (CCF, Mackenzie) said in the legislature yesterday "I was angered and amazed at the attack of the minister of public works on organized labor . . . though we have known for some time that Social Credit is opposed to organized labor in B.C., we did not expect to see the leaders of the trade union movement vilified and discredited on the floor of this House."

Donald Smith, Social Credit member for Victoria, indicated he will have something to say when he speaks tonight.

TELEGRAMS

And yesterday all Social Credit MLAs received telegrams from the B.C. Federation of Labor, asking them to dissociate themselves from the "McCarthy-like" and "slanderous" attacks on labor by Works Minister Chant and Highways Minister Gaglardi.

Highways Minister Gaglardi indicated last night he would not answer and said he said "we did not want gangsterism in labor in B.C.," not that there was gangsterism here.

But some Socred backbenchers indicated they are giving serious consideration to replies to the telegrams.

Yesterday in the House Mr. Campbell described the labor comments by the two cabinet ministers as "most unhappy and unfortunate."

TOO PREVALENT

"This business of guilt by association is all too prevalent in this House," he said.

He said the charges were obviously referring to certain recent occurrences in the United States and pointed out that in those cases due process of law has been used to punish the guilty and release the innocent.

"The trade union movement in this province must of course face up to its responsibilities to society as a whole and so must management, the other side of the equation," he said.

TAR BRUSH

"I want to completely dissociate myself from any suggestion that I personally consider that a tar brush should be applied to the trade union movement in this province, because of illegal practices which

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Make Him Prove It! —Labor

Victoria Labor Council last night demanded that Premier Bennett call on Works Minister Chant to substantiate his "derogatory remarks" about the Canadian labor movement and its leaders or ask the minister to resign.

"All this ranting and raving by Chant and Highways Minister Gaglardi doesn't mean much because they know that Canadian labor is clean," said Victor Midgley, a vice-president of B.C. Federation of Labor.

He said that no labor leader has been convicted in Canada of criminal offences mentioned by Mr. Chant in his speech in the legislature.

Percy Rayment, builders delegate, said the labor council should "put the cabinet on the spot" by asking if it endorses anti-labor statements by Mr. Chant and Mr. Gaglardi.

'Respected Junior' Canada's Position

OTTAWA (UPI)—The never-abrogated wartime Hyde Park agreement for joint United States-Canadian production of munitions must be recognized as still in force, General Charles Foulkes yesterday told a Canadian-United States business conference. (See Page 7.)

The head of Canada's armed forces warned that in the production of weapons for joint continental defence, Canada must not be treated as "a satellite by a dictator," but that her role must be that of a "respected junior partner."

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Hey, Kids! Don't You Want New Rink?

What's the matter with the 16-to-20-year-olds who flock to the arena skating sessions by the hundred?

Question was raised last night by Junior Chamber of Commerce member Roy Baker, who can't understand why the youngsters haven't stepped forward in answer to the Jaycee appeal for canvassers for the forthcoming ice-rink fund drive.

"They'll be the ones to benefit most from the new ice surface," he said. "So what are you waiting for, kids?"

Mr. Baker said there is a desperate need for the house-to-house drive Feb. 25, 26 and 27.

Volunteers are invited to phone EV 3-4521 between 1 p.m. and 5 p.m. on weekdays. Adult canvassers are welcome, too.

The Jaycee official reminded would-be canvassers that there would be little or no handling of money to worry about. "It's basically a pledge drive," he said.